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At Glasgow, the first day of December, Eighteen hundred and thirty years.

The Presbytery of Glasgow being this day met and constituted on the report of the Committee anent the Emigration Societies, made verbally by Mr. Black the Convenor. The Presbytery, feeling deeply the painful circumstances in which the Petitioners are situated, agree to recommend to the Ministers within their bounds, to promote the Petitioners object, in the way that shall seem to them most expedient.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Glasgow, by

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Presbytery Clerk.

Subscribers' Names.

	£	s.
Alexander Garden esq. late Lord Provost of Glasgow,	5	0
James Oswald esq. of Shieldhall,	5	0
James Stirling esq. of Keir,	20	0
Charles Stirling esq. of Calder,	10	0
Lord Douglass,	5	0
Hugh Robertson esq.	5	0
Patrick Playfair esq. of Dalmarnock,	3	3
Paterson, Jamieson, & Co.	2	2
John Bartholemew & Co.	2	2
James Dunlop & Sons,	2	2
Hugh Morris esq of Rinsdal,	2	2
Hugh Bogle esq. of Calder-Bank,	2	2
Frew and Glasgow,	2	2
J. & W. Campbell & Co.	2	2
John Gibson esq.	2	2
Earl of Dunmore,	2	2
Rosehall Family,	2	0
Miss Oswald of Scotston,	2	0
William Forbes of Callender,	2	0
Major Dundass, of Carronhall,	2	0
Thomas Hagart esq. of Buntaskin,	2	0
John Urquhart esq. Fairhill,	2	0
Sir James Stewart,	2	0
Stevenson Macgill, professor of Divinity,	1	1
Rev. Cavin Gibb, D. D.	1	1
James Jaffray M. D. Anatomy.	1	1
Thomas Thomson, M. D. Chemistry,	1	1
Robert Buchanan, M. A. Logic,	1	1
Rev. John Smyth, St, George's,	1	1
Rev. John Lochart, D. D. College	1	0
Rev. Patrick Macfarlane, St. Enoch's,	1	1
Rev. David Welsh, St. David's,	1	1
Rev. Thomas Brown, St. John's,	1	1
James Fyfe esq.	1	0
Thomas Muir, esq, Muirpark,	1	1
William Bogle, esq, of Bothwell-Bank,	1	1
Captain George Douglas,	1	1
Peter Mirrilees, esq,	1	1
William Buchanan, esq,	1	0
Benjamin Mathie, esq,	1	1
Charles Hutchison, esq,	1	0
Mrs Dinwiddie,	1	1
John Gourlay, esq, Colairs,	1	0
James Donald, esq, Whitehill,	1	1
Henry Knox, esq,	1	1
James Smith, esq, Jordan-hill,	1	1
Mathew Perston, Sen. esq,	1	1
Captain Makay,	1	0
David Pirrie, esq,	1	1
James Stevenson, esq,	1	0
James Playfair, esq,	1	0
Ardrie House,	1	0
Theodore Walrond, esq, of Calder-Park,	1	0
John Dixon, esq, Dildowie,	1	0
Archibald Douglas, esq, of Brittisholm,	1	1
George Douglas, esq,	1	1
John & Archibald Reid,	1	1
Geddes, Kidston & Co.	1	1
James Cook, esq,	1	1
John & Robert Cogan,	1	1
Robert Hutchison, esq,	1	1
Bewley Thomson & Co.	1	1
William Shand, esq,	1	1
Robert Mudie & Co,	1	1
Mrs Crooks,	1	0
Mrs Kippen,	1	0
Anthony Wigham, esq.	1	0
Anderson & Laurie,	1	1

	£	s.
James Brock, esq.	1	0
Robert Freeland, esq.	1	1
Dr. John Balmanno,	1	1
Thomas Lawson, esq.	1	0
Archibald Lawson, esq.	1	1
James Berrie, esq.	1	0
William D. Hill, esq,	1	0
Charles MacIntosh, esq, Cross-basket,	1	1
Bannerman & Dixon,	1	0
Bowman Fleming, esq,	1	1
John & Robert Tennant,	1	1
John Wright, esq,	1	1
John Long, esq,	1	1
David M'Kean & Co.	1	1
John Whitehead, esq,	1	0
Archibald Warden, esq,	1	1
MacLeod & Davidson,	1	0
James Graham, esq,	1	1
C. J. Tennant, esq,	1	1
R. Finlay, esq,	1	1
A. Watson, Jun. esq,	1	1
H. Lochart, esq,	1	1
James Young, esq, Clyde Buildings,	1	1
William Wilson, esq,	1	1
Mrs F. Reid,	1	1
Andrew Hunter, esq,	1	0
Mrs Muirhead,	1	0
Macleroy Hamilton & Co.	1	1
William Vary, esq, J. P. C.	1	1
Peter Hutchison, esq,	1	1
Mitchell & Son, esqs,	1	1
Alexander Morris, esq,	1	1
John White, esq,	1	1
David Stow, esq,	1	1
James Watson, esq,	1	1
Thomas Stevenson, esq,	1	0
A Friend,	1	0
A. K.	1	0
Robert Hood esq.	1	1
John Robertson esq.	1	0
John Leadbetter esq,	1	1
James Struthers esq,	1	0
James M'Laren esq,	1	0
Archabald Colemen esq.	1	1
A Friend,	1	1
William Hussey esq,	1	0
Dr. Richard Miller,	1	1
Archibald Smith esq.	1	0
Rev. John B. Paterson.	1	0
EDINBURGH.		
Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Professor of Divinity,	1	1
Rev. Dr. William Muir,	1	0
Rev. Dr. David Ritchie,	1	0
Rev. Dr. T. S. Jones,	1	0
Baron Hume,	1	0
From a Friend,	1	0
Sir William Macleod, Bannatyne, of Whiteford-House.	1	0
Sir John Sinclair,	1	1

With two very useful Books, the one a Guide to Health and Longevity, the other a Treatise on Agriculture.

	£192	4
Subscriptions under one Pound,	23	13
Total amount,	£215	17

All Subscriptions uplifted by the Petitioners are remited to the Rev. William Black, General Treasurer, by whom they are deposited in the Glasgow Bank.

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Unto the Wealthy and Benevolent, the Petition of the United Emigration Societies of Glasgow and Vicinity.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioners, amounting to seventy Families, containing four hundred and ten Souls, belonging chiefly to the most distressed of the Operative class, namely WEAVERS, who are incapable, with their utmost exertions, to earn a sufficient livelihood, independent of household expenditure and clothing, for their wretched families.

That their inability to pay house-rents, church accommodation, or obtain the means of moral education for their children, or any of the most common necessaries of life; that these accumulated trains of evils, has combined to place your Petitioners in a very low degree of poverty and destitution, while the charitable contributions of their humane countrymen only serve to prolong an ignoble life of pauperism and starvation.

That your Petitioners have appealed to the Honourable the House of Commons for three successive Sessions, for a grant of Land, with their passage out to Canada, with maintenance for a year, when they at length, received an answer from the Right Hon. Sir George Murray, with his ready compliance of a GRANT OF LAND, and he will also recommend the Petitioners to the immediate notice of the Canadian Government, along with every reasonable assistance on his part; but as it has been the custom of Emigrants to find their own passage-money, the Petitioners patronised by the highest Official Authority in the city of Glasgow, commenced their appeal to the Charitable and well Disposed early in the Spring of last year, and continued their exertions raising subscriptions until May. But finding the sum realised inadequate to complete their undertaking, they, with the advice of the gentlemen who officiate as their Committee, agreed to suspend further operations for the Season, when they addressed a second communication to the Colonial Secretary, to ascertain if the Grant would be continued until the Spring of 1831, when they received an answer in the affirmative.

That your Petitioners beg to return their grateful acknowledgments to the Benevolent Ladies and Gentlemen, who have hitherto kindly assisted them with their subscriptions, and hopes, being necessitated, as a last effort, to resume their appeal to the Wealthy and Benevolent, to meet with such countenance and support as will enable them to carry the only permanent measure of relief they can think of, into full effect, this season.

Relying upon your assistance, however small the sum contributed, your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

(In name of the Members) GILBERT DOUGLAS, PRESES.
ALEXANDER SHANKS, CLERK.

GLASGOW, 1831.

The Petitioners having addressed a communication to Lord Goderich, present Colonial Secretary, received the following answer:

(Copy of a letter from Lord Goderich to Alexander Shanks.)

Downing Street, 22d Dec., 1830.

SIR,

I am directed by Viscount Goderich, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and to acquaint you, that the reasonable assistance which the Emigrants from Glasgow were led to expect from Sir George Murray, will be afforded to them by Lord Goderich, viz., the service of an agent in conducting the party from their landing at Quebec to the place of location, with fifty acres of land to each family, and one hundred acres to the leader of the party. The precise spot of location must depend on the land, which is available on the arrival of the Emigrants, and cannot be fixed upon except by the Local Government.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
R. A. HAY.

We, the undersigned, deeply sympathising in the distresses of the intending emigrants; upon being solicited, freely consented last year to officiate as a Committee to regulate and disburse all monies subscribed, to the best interests of the emigrants; and further, we recommend the peculiar case of the Petitioners to the public attention.

COMMITTEE. THOMAS HOPKIRK, J. P.
HENRY DUNLOP.
WILLIAM P. PATON.
WILLIAM MILROY.
JAMES MARTIN.

WILLIAM BLACK, MINISTER, Barony Parish, Treasurer.

Two authorised persons will call upon you in a day or two.

We certify that Alexander Shanks, John M'Intosh, James Adair, and Thomas Clark, are authorised to lift Subscriptions in behalf of the United Emigration Societies of Glasgow and Neighbourhood. Their object has obtained the approbation and support of many wealthy and respectable inhabitants of this city, we recommend to the public notice, the individuals wishing to leave their native country, from the depreciated rate of wages they receive for their labour.

JOHN BURNS, MINISTER, } BARONY PARISH.
WILLIAM BLACK, MINISTER, }
D. M'FARLANE, MINISTER, PRINCIPAL, GLASGOW COLLEGE.
THOS. BROWN, MINISTER, ST. JOHN'S PARISH.

Earnestly recommended to public consideration by
JOHN SMYTH, MINISTER, ST. GEORGE'S PARISH.

Found in petition of Peter Barr
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